

As a Citizen and attorney-at-law, I am outraged about Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election. This is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the airwaves that belong to all of the people in this country free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large corporations control the airwaves, they waste the broadcast hours of the public-owned airwaves to play stupid, insipid, mindless, trash of yellow journalism and prurient matter. This is INSTEAD of using those precious hours and airwaves to help create a public who are informed about the substantive issues of who and what are affecting and controlling their lives, nothing short of what is necessary for the continuance of this "democracy."

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve much more than a returned postcard. Thank you.